

*Preliminary Minutes*

**Town of Plymouth, Vermont**

**Select Board - Special Meeting**

**Monday, July 7, 2025 @ 3:00 PM**

**Municipal Building Meeting Room**

**Board Members Present:**

Jay Kullman

Rick Kaminski

**Staff Members Present:**

Angela Kissell

**Others Present:**

Bruce Pauley

Elaine Pauley

Lyle Epton

Erica Hoffman-Keiss

Greg Markowski

1. Call to Order:

- a. Jay Kullman called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM.

2. Any Changes, Additions or Removals to the Agenda:

- a. None

3. Bridge 116 on Route 100 – Closure in 2026:

- a. Greg Markowski opened by talking about Farm & Wilderness and Markowski Excavating. He said that 85% of his business goes north-over the bridge. He added that he had started a conversation in January with VTrans about a temporary bridge. He talked with Matt Walker and was told, no, several times. Greg and Jay went to Montpelier a month ago to express their concerns. Greg has told them that there is a solution. VTrans said their concern is the power pole, but Greg spoke with Green Mountain Power, and it can be re-set. Greg feels that they have a solution to keep the traffic flowing and that would be to have a temporary single lane bridge with stop lights.
- b. Jay Kullman talked about Rick Martin and how Chloe's Market relies on tourist and how the revenue comes from out of staters.
- c. Greg Markowski referred to the culvert replacement in 2021 and how it took months longer than it was supposed to.
- d. Jay Kullman referred to Plymouth as a "gold town" and how it's an expensive place to live because of the ski areas.
- e. Bruce Pauley said to picture 10 wheelers going up 100A.
- f. Lyle Jepson suggested a Letter of Support for a temporary bridge. It should outline the safety concerns as well as the economic impact to the Town and businesses.
- g. Greg Markowski talked about how he will have to hire people to have more trucks on the road to meet the timeline of his customers.
- h. Bruce Pauley referred to when VTrans was here and how they explained their layout. They said it was not feasible to have a temporary bridge. Basically, tough working through Act 250. Vermont has to be more business friendly.
- i. Lyle commented that competitive bidding is getting tougher.

- j. Erica Hoffman-Keyes said that the best thing she can do is talk to area businesses.
  - k. Rick Kaminski said that he was very impressed with how much homework Greg Markowski has put into this. Rick suggested that Greg have an Engineer look at his plan and certify it. Rick didn't know if it would carry more weight.
  - l. Greg acknowledged Rick's suggestion. He also added that the cost may be approximately \$250,000 to install a temporary one lane bridge.
  - m. Rick Kaminski suggested that a petition be drafted and collect signatures opposing the full closure.
  - n. Prior to concluding the meeting there was a plan discussed to write a letter; talk to business owners, reach out to our local representatives and schedule a meeting to discuss the safety concerns, economic impact as well as local business concerns.
  - o. Jay Kullman offered to write a letter and said that it would be ready within the next day or two.
4. Other Business:
- a. None
5. Adjourn:
- a. **Jay Kullman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 PM. Rick Kaminski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted.

Angela Kissell  
Recording Secretary  
Town Clerk

**Select Board**

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Jay Kullman, Chair

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Rick Kaminski, Vice-Chair

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Keith Cappellini